



City of San Diego
CARL DEMAIO
CITY COUNCILMEMBER –DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 3, 2011

TO: Kelly Broughton, Director, Development Services Department

FROM: Councilmember Carl DeMaio *Carl DeMaio*

RE: Photovoltaic System Permitting Information Request

When I took office, obtaining a residential solar permit cost \$93. In Fiscal Year 2010, the Mayor and the City Council, over my objection, increased the solar permit fee by 600%, to \$565. While the solar permit fees were subsequently brought down somewhat, they remain significantly higher than they were less than two years ago.

I have proposed eliminating all fees on solar projects and permits for energy efficiency retrofits.

The City should be incentivizing solar installations by eliminating solar permitting fees. In order to evaluate how to achieve this goal, please provide my office with the following:

1. The number of Photovoltaic System Plans that the DSD reviewed in each of Calendar Year 2009 and Calendar Year 2010, broken out in Calendar Year 2009 by residential project plans and commercial project plans, and broken out in Calendar Year 2010 by residential project plans using the Plan Template, residential project plans not using the Plan Template, and commercial project plans;
2. The amount of total revenues generated by all of the fees associated with all Photovoltaic System Plan reviews in each of Calendar Year 2009 and Calendar Year 2010, broken out in Calendar Year 2009 by residential project plans and commercial project plans, and broken out for in Calendar Year 2010 by

residential project plans using the Plan Template, residential project plans not using the Plan Template, and commercial project plans;

3. Total actual DSD revenues from all fees in each of Calendar Year 2009 and Calendar Year 2010.

Should your office have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Frank Prewoznik on my staff.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.